

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-550
15659 Dover Road
Upperco, Baltimore County
1820-1835
Private

This Federal style house was historically located near Upperco in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. The Fifth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its abundant waterpower and timber that spurred construction of sawmills, paper mills, and flour mills, making this an industrial region of the county. Although an exact date of construction for the house has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a date from the first half of the nineteenth century. The house first appears on the 1850 Sidney Atlas as the residence of Benjamin Bush. It then is seen on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas and the 1915 Bromley Atlas as owned by Richard Gill. Serving the village of Upperco was a post office, tavern, store, and several churches, the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Methodist Church.

This wood frame dwelling is located amongst a rolling landscape surrounded by mature trees and shrubs on a sloping grassy lot. It has foundation plantings and a gravel driveway leads to the house. Standing two-and-a-half-stories in height the original section of the house rests on a solid random rubble stone foundation and is clad with German weatherboard siding. The symmetrical fenestration of the façade features five 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows. The center entry contains a single-leaf 12-light wood paneled door. The L-shaped house exhibits cornerboards, overhanging eaves, and square-edged wood surrounds. The side gable-roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal. Two interior-end brick chimneys and one exterior-end stone chimney rise above the roof. Built circa 1950 are one-and-a-half-story additions seen on both side elevations. The addition on the northwest elevation is set back to the rear of the original house and has two gable wall dormers illuminating the upper story. Numerous additions have been constructed to the rear elevation. Three historic and four non-historic outbuildings are associated with this property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-550

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

2. Location

street and number 15659 Dover Road not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John H. and Gloria D. Beyer

street and number 15659 Dover Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155-9514

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 4909 folio 374

city, town Towson tax map 25 tax parcel 38 tax ID number 0502020510

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	4
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	4
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> funeralary	5
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This wood frame dwelling is located amongst a rolling landscape surrounded by mature trees and shrubs on a sloping grassy lot. It has foundation plantings and a gravel driveway leads to the house. Standing two-and-a-half-stories in height the original section of the house rests on a solid random rubble stone foundation and is clad with German weatherboard siding. The symmetrical fenestration of the façade features five 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows. The center entry contains a single-leaf 12-light wood paneled door. The L-shaped house exhibits cornerboards, overhanging eaves, and square-edged wood surrounds. The side gable-roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal. Two interior-end brick chimneys and one exterior-end stone chimney rise above the roof. Built circa 1950 are one-and-a-half-story additions seen on both side elevations. The addition on the northwest elevation is set back to the rear of the original house and has two gable wall dormers illuminating the upper story. Numerous additions have been constructed to the rear elevation.

One circa 1900 bank barn is associated with this property. It is wood frame clad with board-and-batten siding with a stone foundation. It is accessed through a sliding double-leaf board-and-batten door with a high drive. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A circa 1950 shed roof addition was made to the northeast elevation. A one-story dwelling addition was made to the northeast elevation of the barn.

Next, is a tractor shed dating circa 1940 clad with vertical board siding. It has two open bays where the roof is supported with wood posts. It has a ten-light wood window, and the side-gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal.

The smokehouse from circa 1950 is wood frame clad with pressed vertical board siding. It has a double-leaf ten-light wood doors. The front gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal, and the front gable has a wood louvered vent.

One shed dates from circa 1950, and is one story high and one bay wide. It is clad with pressed vertical boards and the front gable roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal. It has overhanging eaves and a double-leaf sliding wood door. The foundation is not visible.

Three prefabricated sheds are clustered together to the northeast of the house. Each shed appears to date circa 1980s and is one story high and one bay wide. They are wood frame buildings clad with vertical boards with a front gambrel roof. One in-ground concrete pool is next to the smokehouse.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1820-1835	Architect/Builder	Unknown
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Construction dates	1820-1835
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Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 65.551 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

This house constructed between 1820 and 1835, is located at 15659 Dover Road in Upperco in the Fourth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 25, parcel 38 since its construction.

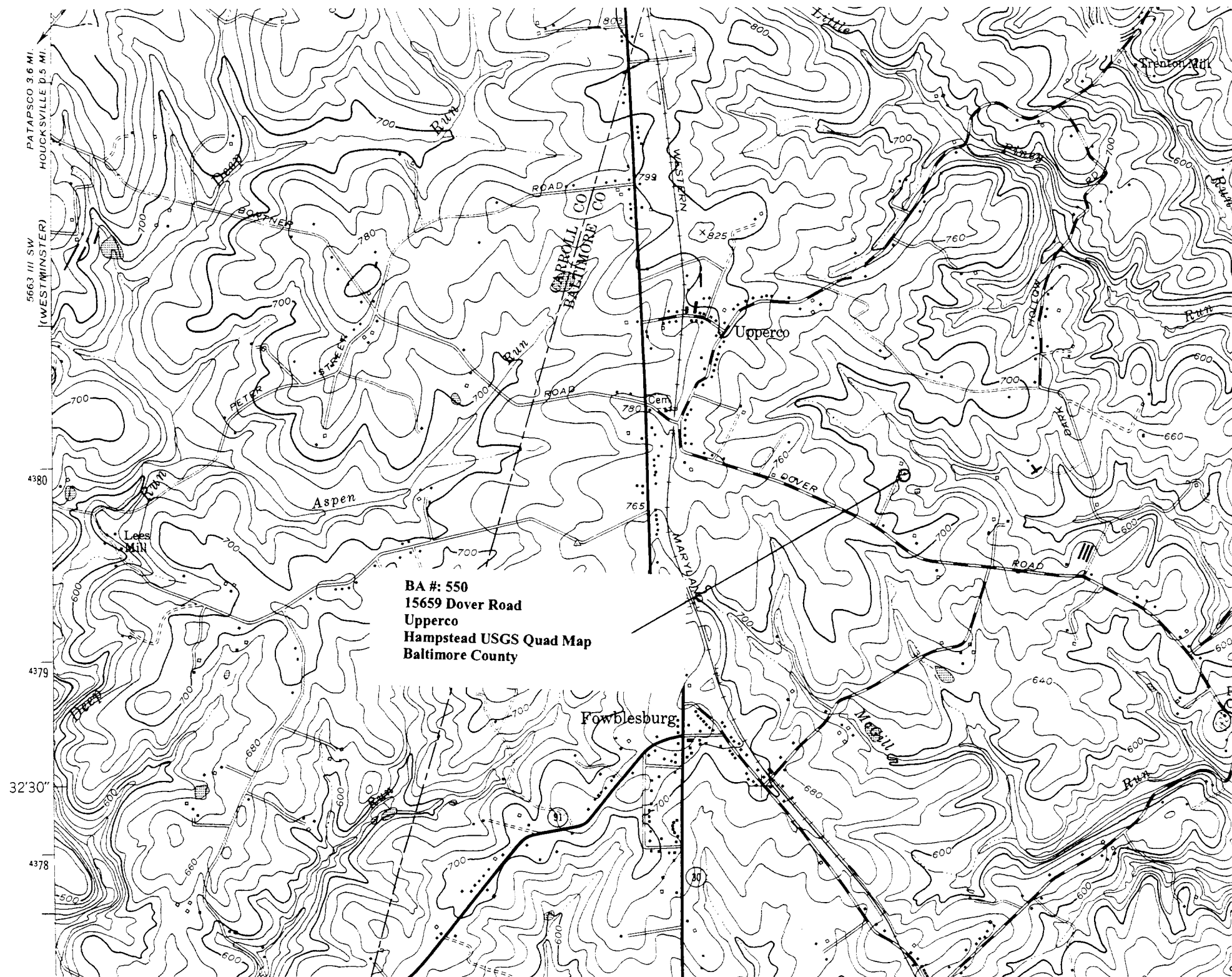
11. Form Prepared by

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MAIN HOUSE, NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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MAIN HOUSE, WEST CORNER

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OUT BUILDINGS, VIEW LOOKING EAST

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OUTBUILDINGS, SOUTHEAST VIEW

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BARN, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION